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Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Rajiv Gandhi National CrÃ¨che Scheme (RGNCS) along with the names of the implementing agencies thereof;

(b) the grants released to the implementing agencies along with the funds allocated/released and utilised by the implementing agencies during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) the number of crÃ¨ches/day care centres being run by the Government along with the number of beneficiaries thereunder during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether any study has been carried out by the Government to assess/review the implementation of the scheme in the country including State of Jharkhand and need for more creches/day care centres, if so, the details and the outcome there of; and

(e) the measures further taken by the Government for effective implementation of the scheme and to increase facility of crÃ¨ches/day care centres in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI KRISHNA RAJ)

(a) The salient features of the Rajiv Gandhi National CrÃ¨che Scheme (RGNCS) are as under:

(i) The revised scheme is being implemented from 01.01.2016.

(ii) The scheme focuses on children of 6 months to 6 years of working women in rural and urban areas who are employed for a minimum period of 15 days in a month, or six months in a year.

(iii) CrÃ¨ches shall be open for 26 days in a month and for seven and half (7- Â½) hours per day as per the work schedule of majority of the mothers in the area, which may be from 7.00 a.m. to 2.30p.m., 8.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. or 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. If required, arrangements may be made for mothers who have longer working hours with extra payment for additional time at reasonable rates and on mutually agreed basis.

(iv) Sharing Ratio of expenditure between Government and implementing NGO is 90:10.

(v) Provision of One crÃ¨che worker and one helper in each crÃ¨che.

(vi) Honorarium of crÃ¨che worker is Rs. 3000/. Helper's honorarium is Rs. 1500/-.

(vii) Supplementary nutrition is Rs. 12.00 per child per day.

(viii) New provision of Rs. 2000/- per year is also made for Pre School Education Kit.

The scheme is presently being implemented throughout the country through Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB) and India Council for Child Welfare (ICCW)

(b) Grants released to the implementation Agencies are as under:-

Year Allocation (Rs. in crores) Grants released to Implementing Agencies ICCW & CSWB (Rs. in Crores)
BE RE
2013-14 110.00 99.00 100.06
2014-15 125.00 100.00 97.68
2015-16 205.94 144.00 133.02
2016-17(upto November, 2016) 150.00 34.76

Funds allocated/released by CSWB and ICCW under RGNCS for creches in various States/UTs for the last three years and the current year to the State Boards/State Councils are at Annexure-I & Annexure- II respectively.

(c) The number of crÃ¨ches being run by CSWB and ICCW, including number of beneficiaries under RGNCS for the last three years and the current year, State/UT wise, are at Annexure-III & Annexure- IV respectively.

(d) The evaluation of the Scheme has been undertaken in 2012 by National Institute of Public Co-operation and Child Development (NIPCCD) to assess the implementation of the scheme in the country including the State of Jharkhand. The major recommendations of the report include enhanced financial support for infrastructure, crÃ¨che worker and services of crÃ¨che centre. Based on the recommendations of the evaluation study, the scheme had been revised for strengthening the existing programme components and thus making the services more effective in achieving the envisaged objectives. The revised scheme has been implemented w.e.f 01.01.2016.

(e) Under the revised scheme, monitoring at different levels has been envisaged for effective implementation of the scheme.

Moreover, the following enhanced facilities have also been provided under the revised scheme

i. The honorarium of crÃ¨che worker has been increased from Rs 1000/- to Rs. 3000/- per month.

ii. The provision for supplementary nutrition has been increased from Rs 2.08 per day (once a day) per child to Rs 12/- per day (two times snack and one full meal) per child.

iii. Provisions have been made for medicine kit @rs.500/- half yearly, doctor's visit @ Rs.250/- per visit in a quarter and PSE Kit @Rs. 2000/- per year.

iv. The provision for replacement/purchase of equipment etc. has been increased from Rs.3000/- to Rs. 5000/-.

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